

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended) ~~The restraint device of claim 4~~
A restraint device for aiding a personal flotation device's ability to roll wearer from an airway submerged position to an airway protected position, said device comprising:

a restraint adjustable in neck opening size to snugly engage a wide range of different wearer neck sizes, said restraint substantially filling the area beneath the chin of the different neck size wearers for maintaining the head of the different neck size users in a desired position once the restraint has been properly sized and positioned to a wearer's neck size, said restraint adapted for secured positioning within or adjacent to a neck opening of a personal flotation device;

wherein said restraint includes a cephalo-mandibular splint;

wherein said splint is disposed within a cover;

wherein said cover is releasably attached to the personal flotation device.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended) ~~The restraint device of claim 1~~
A restraint device for aiding a personal flotation device's ability to roll wearer from an airway submerged position to an airway protected position, said device comprising:

a restraint adjustable in neck opening size to snugly engage a wide range of different wearer neck sizes, said restraint substantially filling the area beneath the chin of the different neck size wearers for maintaining the head of the different neck size users in a desired position once the restraint has been properly sized and positioned to a wearer's neck size, said

restraint adapted for secured positioning within or adjacent to a neck opening of a personal flotation device;

wherein said restraint comprises:

a first flap member adapted for attachment to the personal flotation device, said first flap member including a first stiff member disposed within;

a second flap member adapted for attachment to the personal flotation device, said second flap member including a second stiff member disposed within, said second flap member adjustably secured to said first flap member based on the neck size of the wearer.

Claim 10 (previously presented) The restraint device of claim 9 wherein said first flap member is adapted for removable attachment to the personal flotation device at or adjacent to the neck opening of the personal flotation device and said second member adapted for removable attachment to the personal flotation device at or adjacent to the neck opening of the personal flotation device.

Claim 11 (currently amended) ~~The restraint device of claim of claim 3 further including~~ A restraint device for aiding a personal flotation device's ability to roll wearer from an airway submerged position to an airway protected position, said device comprising:

a restraint adjustable in neck opening size to snugly engage a wide range of different wearer neck sizes, said restraint substantially filling the area beneath the chin of the different neck size wearers for maintaining the head of the different neck size users in a desired position once the restraint has been properly sized and positioned to a wearer's neck size, said restraint adapted for secured positioning within or adjacent to a neck opening of a personal flotation device;

wherein said restraint includes a cephalo-mandibular splint;
and

a first flap member adapted for attachment to the personal flotation device and a second flap member adapted for attachment to the personal flotation device, said second flap member adjustably secured to said first flap member based on the neck size of the wearer for proper positioning of said splint.

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (previously presented) The restraint device of claim 9 wherein said first flap member is adjustably secured to said second flap member in an overlapping relationship through a first hook and loop fastening member disposed on said first flap member and a complementary second hook and loop fastening member disposed on said second flap member.

Claim 14 (previously presented) The restraint device of claim 11 wherein said first flap member is adjustably secured to said second flap member in an overlapping relationship through a first hook and loop fastening member disposed on said first flap member and a complementary second hook and loop fastening member disposed on said second flap member.

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (currently amended) ~~The restraint device of claim 15~~ A restraint device for aiding a personal flotation device's ability to roll wearer from an airway submerged position to an airway protected position, said device comprising:

a restraint adjustable in neck opening size to snugly engage a wide range of different wearer neck sizes, said restraint substantially filling the area beneath the chin of the different neck size wearers for maintaining the head of the different neck size users in a desired position once the restraint has been properly sized and positioned to a wearer's neck size, said restraint adapted for secured positioning within or adjacent to a neck opening of a personal flotation device;

wherein said restraint includes a horizontally mounted elongated relatively stiff member adapted for attachment to the personal flotation device at a first location and adapted for

vertical and horizontal adjustable securement to the personal flotation device at a second location;

wherein said stiff member includes a chin positioning notch for receiving and supporting at least a portion of the wearer's chin when said restraint is in use.

Claim 17-25 (canceled)

Claim 26 (currently amended) ~~The restraint device of claim 1~~
A restraint device for aiding a personal flotation device's ability to roll wearer from an airway submerged position to an airway protected position, said device comprising:

a restraint adjustable in neck opening size to snugly engage a wide range of different wearer neck sizes, said restraint substantially filling the area beneath the chin of the different neck size wearers for maintaining the head of the different neck size users in a desired position once the restraint has been properly sized and positioned to a wearer's neck size, said restraint adapted for secured positioning within or adjacent to a neck opening of a personal flotation device;

wherein a cervical posterior portion of the personal flotation device is sculpted and angled to receive and complement the back of the wearer's neck substantially along an axis of rotation for the wearer.